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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS

SUBJECT: DELINQUENT PAYMENTS ON FMS LOANS

REF: A. STATE 81953 B. LIBREVILLE 756

1. IN TELECON WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER MPOUHO EVENING MARCH 30, MPOUHO TOLD US A) HE HAD TELEXED AMB MAMBOUKA TELLING HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH DEPT IMMEDIATELY (TELEX WAS SENT RIGHT AFTER MY MEETING WITH BONGO), B) MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING YESTERDAY AND COUNCIL HAD RATIFIED BONGO'S DECISION, C) GOG WAS WIRING PAYMENT THIS MORNING. (NOT CLEAR TO WHOM, BUT WE HOPE IT WILL BE TO GABONESE EMBASSY DESPITE FACT THAT AS NOTED PARA 2 REFTEL (B), I HAD GIVEN HIM ADDRESS FURNISHED BY DEPT IN PARA 2 (B) REFTEL (A)). I HAVE BEEN UNABLE REACH MPOUHO THIS MORNING TO CLEAR UP THIS POINT.

2. IF, HOWEVER, GABONESE ARE TELEGRAPHING FUNDS THIS MORNING TO EMBASSY, I STRONGLY SUGGEST WE ALLOW THEM IN INTEREST OF TIME IN THIS CASE TO FOLLOW THAT ROUTE. TO ATTEMPT GO BACK NOW AND GET THEM TO SEND RIGHT AMOUNTS TO RIGHT ACCOUNTS FROM HERE MAY WELL MUDDY WATERS FURTHER RATHER THAN SPEED PROCESS UP. PRESUMABLY PRIMARY CONCERN IS THAT ARREARS BE PAID. THIS NOW
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STRIKES US AS SECONDARY. PROBLEM HERE IS COMPLICATED, I BELIEVE, BY FACT THAT EITHER GOG DOES NOT HAVE, OR AT LEAST CANNOT LOCATE, COPY OF LOAN AGREEMENT FY 77 (77IG). WE DO NOT HAVE SIGNED COPY EITHER AND THEREFOR HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE HELP THEM ON THIS POINT (WE, FOR EXAMPLE, DO NOT KNOW PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THIS LOAN).

3. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD PREFER NOT TO INSIST THAT THESE PARTICULAR PAYMENTS BE MADE TO THE NEW YORK ACCOUNTS FROM HERE, IF AS I SUSPECT, THEY ARE ARRANGING FOR THEM TO BE MADE THROUGH GABONESE EMBASSY. HOWEVER, I WILL, OF COURSE, BEGUIDED FURTHER BY DEPT ON THIS POINT, AND WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP RESULTS OF DEPT'S CONTACTS WITH GABONESE EMBASSY. WE WILL IN ANY CASE SEND LETTER FROM HERE TO GOG WHEN DUST SETTLES GIVING THEM PARTICULLARS FOR FUTURE PAYMENTS, REMINDING THEM OF WHEN THEY ARE DUE, AND CALLING TO THEIR ATTENTION ARREARS ON FMS CASES AAA AND LAA. TIENKEN

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